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## ***This I Believe* Essay Assignment and Rubric** (40 POINTS)

**Assignment:** You are going to write your own “This I Believe” essay. Your essay needs to follow the format of the essays we’ve read in class.

- There needs to be a clear “I believe” statement. (It does NOT need to be at the beginning).
- The belief statement should be in **BOLD**.
- Your essay should tell the story of how you “live your belief.” Give specific evidence from your life to show that your belief is central to your life.
- The essay is due on **Friday, December 16**. You will have class time during the week of December 12-16 to work on the essay; it will also be homework. **YOU WILL BE GRADED ON YOUR EFFECTIVE USE OF CLASS TIME.**

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>
Your <b>introduction</b> effectively captures the reader’s attention.	3	2.5	1.5 (or lower)
You wrote a <b>story from your life</b> that is <u>relevant</u> to a lesson learned and is expressed clearly to the reader.	5	4	3 (or lower)
Your <b>belief statement</b> is concise, understandable, and connects well to the identified <b>value</b> of your essay.	2	1.5	1 (or lower)
Your <b>belief statement</b> is in <b>BOLD</b> .	1	--	0
Your <b>conclusion</b> wraps up your ideas in a logical and interesting way.	3	2.5	1.5 (or lower)
The <b>essay flows well</b> ; it is easy to follow the course of events and ideas presented.	4	3	2 (or lower)
The <b>impact</b> of your experience is expressed clearly; the reader knows how you continue to apply the lesson you learned from this experience.	6	4.5	3 (or lower)
You <b>corrected errors</b> related to grammar, spelling, run-on sentences or sentence fragments, capitalization, punctuation, and paragraphing.	3	2	2 (or lower)

Your essay is <b>between 400-500 words AND you met the formatting requirements</b> for the MLA format.	3	4	3 (or lower)
You included a relevant, interesting <b>title</b> for the essay	1	--	0
You used your time in class well; you were on task and quiet; you did not distract others.	4	2	0

Any points lost for lateness, essay not being typed, or other reasons? \_\_\_\_\_ points

Extra credit for bringing in a printed copy? \_\_\_\_\_

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